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From: 358 Squadron. Officer,
To: Officer Commanding, 358 Squadron.
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Operations

As forecast last month the number of successful sorties carried out in September has risen to around 90%, so far the best figure yet attained by this Squadron. The following have contributed to this result to some extent (a) the weather, which has been very reasonable, (b) the location and size of DZs, making for easier recognition, and (c) all sorties being carried out in daylight, with T.O.T.s at the discretion of the C.O.

These conditions are expected to prevail during the next month and no doubt with the retreat of the monsoon, weather conditions over the DZs will be almost perfect. The number of successes in October will probably as before, be above 90%.

Training

Only a small amount of training has been necessary, since there have been few new crews.

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Appendix Signals

From: Signals Officer, 358 Squadron.
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Aircraft maintenance of both W/T and Radar equipment has continued at a high level this month, and though the number of aircraft employed operationally has decreased, a larger number of Major Inspections are being carried out.

Full V.H.F. facilities are at present available in 9/13 aircraft, but it is now clear that V.H.F. Aerodrome Control must be considered more in the nature of a stand-by to Command R/T since the V.H.F. Installation at Flying Control is available only on 'request' and has a very limited number of continuous running hours. Homing facilities, using V.H.F. at Jessore, have now improved and are obtainable between dawn and sunset, and 'on request' at other times.

Instructions have just been received from Air Headquarters, Burma, that the fitting of both S-phone and Rebecca equipment into this Squadron's aircraft is to cease.

The Force 136 S-phone Party have received further instructions from their Headquarters ordering the removal of both Column 7 and Column 9 equipment of the S-phone Liberator installations in our aircraft and this equipment is accordingly being removed from all aircraft as their next Minor Inspection falls due.

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